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Naples, March 26.

THE Governor of Reggio having Information given him some Days ago, that a Vessel was observed to ply forwards and backwards sometimes on the Coasts of Calabria and then on those of Sicily, to put out different Colours frequently, and yet not to offer at any Hostilities, but that the Men on board her busied themselves in Sounding those Parts near the Coasts which seemed properest for Anchoring, it was resolved to Sieze her, which was done with little Resistance. Her Company was found to be Turks, and among them several Renegadoes. They confessed that they had Sounded in several Places, particularly off Syracuse, to see what Depth and what Ground for Anchoring might be had. The said Governor having sent Advice of this to our Viceroy, Orders have been issued for putting the Posts on the Coasts into a State of Defence, least the Turks should seize them to serve for resting Places for their Forces and for lodging their Stores of War, in case their Design be upon the Island of Malta. Several Vessels here and in other Ports of this Kingdom, are lading Provisions and Ammunition for that Island, as also Timber to make Carriages for Artillery and Planks. 'Tis advised from Rome the 23d Instant, that the Ambassador of Malta, presented that Day to the Pope Forty Knights, to receive his Holiness's Benediction, before their Departure in Obedience to the Summons of the Great Master of the Order. They thought to have made the Voyage in the Gallies of the Ecclesiastical State which had been promised; but these not being ready to put to Sea yet, they will embark on a Ship which they have hired at Leghorne.

Genoa, April 16. Yesterday arrived here a Maltese Man of War, to take on Board thirty eight Knights of that Order. She is to join two others of their Ships which are now at Vado; whence they will proceed together to Toulon, where they expect to meet two more Ships which bring other Knights of the same Order from Barcelona; and then they are all to go to the Island of Malta. Some are of Opinion that

the Turks will first land in Sicily, to facilitate the Execution of their Design against Malta, if they have really formed that Design.

Madrid, April 15. It having been advised from Barcelona, that the Troops designed for the Expedition against Majorca were embarked, and waited only for a fair Wind, we were in Expectation that the next Account we should have of them, would be of their having actually put to Sea: But by Letters which came in the 13th we learn, that by Virtue of an Order from this Court their Departure is suspended; and as the Motives for this Suspension are not publicly known, 'tis conjectured that some peaceable Method of Accommodation between the King and the Majorcans is in Treaty. The Chevalier Martinet, Commodore of the four French Ships which have lain some time at Cadiz, has agreed to go with three of them to reinforce the Fleet at Barcelona; the fourth is to proceed to New Spain, in Company with the Spanish Ship of War called the Santa Rosa, which is to carry the Prince of Santo Bono to his Viceroyalty of Peru. The Prince de Cellamare has ordered the Equipages which he takes along with him in his Ambassy to France to be hastened, proposing to begin his Journey before the End of this Month. The Court will remove to the Royal Seat of Aranjuez after the Easter Holidays, and the Queen being with Child will for the greater Safety be carried thither in a Chair. The late Change of the Ministry has encouraged the Duke of Albuquerque to come hither from Segovia, to solicit some moderate Composition of the high Indulto laid on the Effects which he acquired while he was Viceroy of Mexico, and brought home with him from thence. The King has made Don Antonio Sartina Intendant General of the Marine. The Advices which we have received from Barcelona of the apprehending and executing lately of some Persons there, who held Correspondence with the Majorcans, and were also contriving to excite a new Revolt in Catalonia, import in Substance: That Sig. Matas, one of the Presidents of the Junta or Council of Barcelona, being authorized to proceed against the Conspirators upon the Information which had been privately given against them, caused three Inhabi-